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GENEVA FOR USDEL LOS CONFERENCE

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS, MY

SUBJ: MALAYSIAN PARTICIPATION IN LOS CONFERENCE

REF: (A) GENEVA 05876, (B) KUALA LUMPUR 2433

1. ZAKARAI YATIM, HEAD OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW DIVISION, MINISTRY OF LAW, TOLD EMBOFF MAY 3 THAT MINISTER OF LAW HAMZAH WILL NOT RPT NOT ATTEND THIS SESSION OF THE LOS CONFERENCE AS HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN EXPECTED (REFTEL B). ACCORDING TO ZAKARIA, LOCAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS, I.E., WIDELY EXPECTED GENERAL ELJNTGNNS IN THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS, WILL KEEP HAMZAH IN MALAYSIA. ZAKARIA ALSO INDICATED THAT THE GOM DOES NO EXPECT SUBSTANTIAL MOVEMENT AT THIS SESSION, ANOTHER REASON HAMZAH WILL NOT ATTEND. ZAKARIA HIMSELF, WHO IS THE GOM DELEGATION HEAD IN HAMZAH'S ABSENCE, WILL LEAVE MAY 7 FOR GENEVA, BUT DOES NOT EXPECT TO BE THERE LONG.

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2. ZAKARIA SAID THAT THE GOM DOES HOPE TO "TIE UP LOOSE ENDS" ON THE STRAITS ARTICLE EITHER AT THIS SESSION OR EARLY IN A NEXT SESSION, AND THIS WILL BE THE MAJOR REASON FOR HIS OWN PARTICIPATION. ZAKARIA HAD HEARD THAT SPAIN AND OTHERS HAVE ATTEMPTED TO REOPEN THE STRAITS ARTICLE AT THIS SESSION (REFTEL A) AND EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE ANNOYANCE AT THIS MOVE(WHICH HE CLAIMED HAD SOVIET BACKING). HE SAID THAT MALAYSIA HAD GOTTEN LITTLE SUPPORT FOR ITS

STRAITS POSITION FROM STRAITS GROUP PRIOR TO THE PACKAGE DEAL  
WITH THE MARITIME POWERS, HAD BEEN ATTACKED AFTERWARDS FOR SELLING  
OUT THE INTERESTS OF THE STRAITS GROUP AND NOW FACED A POSSIBLE  
UNRAVELLING OF THE WHOLE PACKAGE AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR.  
ZAKARIA SAID THE GOM WULD OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPT NOW TO REOPEN  
THE STRAITS QUESTION.  
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